

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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5 The present invention is directed to a DNA
construct formed from a fusion gene which includes a
trait DNA molecule and a silencer DNA molecule. The
trait DNA molecule has a length that is insufficient to
impart a desired trait to plants transformed with the
trait DNA molecule. The silencer DNA molecule is
10 operatively coupled to the trait DNA molecule with the
trait and silencer DNA molecules collectively having
sufficient length to impart the trait to plants
transformed with the DNA construct. Expression systems,
host cells, plants, and plant seeds containing the DNA
15 construct are disclosed. The present invention is also
directed to imparting multiple traits to a plant.

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